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SUBJECT: BALKAN CONFERENCE

REF: A) ATHENS 7473; B) BUCHAREST 5016

1. IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN REF A, WHICH REPORTED THAT BULGARIANS HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO A BALKAN CONFERENCE, AND REF B WHICH REPORTED SOMEONE AS STATING THAT THEY HAD BEEN "INSCRUTABLE" ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS, WE QUESTIONED GREEK AMBASSADOR STEPHANOU IF OE BULGARIAN ACCEPTANCE HAD BEEN IN ANY WAY QUALIFIED.

2. STEPHANOU SAID THAT BULGARIAN ACCEPTANCE IS UNCONDITIONAL, I.E. THE BULGARIANS WOULD GO EVEN IF ONE OR MORE OF THE OTHER INVITEES DID NOT. ON THE OTHER HAND THE ACCEPTANCE WAS SO PHRASED THAT IT EMPHASIZED THE TECHNICAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS, LEAVING ANY POLITICAL SEQUEL STILL OPEN; WHICH, STEPHANOU SAID, CREATES NO PROBLEM FOR HIS GOVT.
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